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Mission

The agency's primary mission is to provide and demonstrate comprehensive bilingual/bicultural early childhood development programs for infants, preschool, school-age children and their families. El Hogar seeks to meet the needs of the entire family so that children can develop in environments that are culturally, emotionally, psychologically, socially, and financially strong.

History

El Hogar del Niño/The Home of the Child was founded out of a local church basement in 1972 by various community members who sought to develop the first bilingual school and affordable daycare in the predominantly Latino communities of Pilsen and Little Village in Chicago. El Hogar del Niño was formally established as a research and demonstration project of the Office of Child Development (Department of Health, Education and Welfare.)

For 36 years, the mission of El Hogar del Niño continues to be one which is for and about children—assessing their needs and finding ways to meet those needs. Currently, the organization serves over 300 children through its toddler, head start, early head start, day care, preschool, early childhood development and after school programs. Parents receive early childhood parenting and development education as well as medical services, and the entire family benefits from a comprehensive network of services including employment, education and health. In addition, the Family Case Management program serves eligible pregnant women, infants, and children.

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